

**WE CLAIM:**

- 1     1. A datapath structure, comprising:  
2         one or more cell instances, each cell instance having a pin;  
3         one or more pseudo cell instances, each pseudo cell instance having a pseudo pin,  
4         each pseudo cell instance in the one or more pseudo cell instances being placed at a  
5         location relative to the one or more cell instances in encouraging a predetermined  
6         structure; and  
7         one or more pseudo nets, a first pseudo net connecting between a pin of a first cell  
8         instance in the one or more cell instances and a pin in a pin in a first pseudo cell instance  
9         in the one or more pseudo cell instances.
- 1         2. The structure of Claim 1 further comprising a first relative position between  
2         the first cell instance and the first pseudo cell instance.
- 1         3. The structure of Claim 1 wherein the first pseudo cell instance being placed at  
2         a location to the first real cell instance thereby producing a zero length in the first pseudo  
3         net.
- 1         4. The structure of Claim 1 wherein the first pseudo cell instance being placed at  
2         a location to the first cell instance thereby producing the first pseudo having a value  
3         which is greater than a zero length.
- 1         5. The structure of Claim 1 wherein the predetermined structure comprises a  
2         column structure, a row structure, or a square structure.

6. A datapath structure, comprising:  
in a datapath structure, a first cell placed at a first position; and  
a second cell being placed relatively at a second position to the first position.

1           7. The datapath structure of Claim 6 wherein the second cell being relatively  
2   placed such that the first position of the first cell is not strictly aligned to the second  
3   position of the second cell.

1           8. A datapath structure of Claim 6 further comprising a pseudo element for  
2   aiding in relative placement of the second cell at the second position to the first cell at the  
3   first position.

1           9. A datapath structure of Claim 6 wherein the datapath structure comprises a  
2   column structure with a fixed vertical sequence for placing the first cell and the second  
3   cell.

1            10. A datapath structure of Claim 6 wherein the datapath structure comprises a  
2    row structure with a fixed horizontal sequence for placing the first cell and the second  
3    cell.

1 11. A datapath structure of Claim 6 wherein the datapath structure comprises an  
2 array structure with a fixed vertical sequence and a fixed horizontal sequence.

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1 12. A computerized method for encouraging a structure bonding, comprising the  
2 steps of:

3 placing a first pseudo cell instance at a location relative to a first cell  
4 instance in a plurality of cell instances for encouraging a predetermined structure  
5 bonding in the plurality of cell instances; and

6 connecting the pseudo net between the cell instance and the pseudo cell  
7 instance.

1 13. The method of Claim 12 further comprising the step of minimizing a wire  
2 length in the pseudo net from the placement of the first pseudo cell instance relative to the  
3 first cell instance.

1 14. The method of Claim 12 further comprising the step of providing a first offset  
2 between the pseudo cell instance and the first cell instance.

1 15. The method of Claim 12 further comprising the step of determining a second  
2 offset between the pseudo cell instance and a second cell instance in the plurality of cell  
3 instances.

1 16. The method of Claim 12 wherein the predetermined structure comprises a  
2 column structure, a row structure, or a square.

1 17. The method of Claim 12 wherein the placing step comprises the step of  
2 placement without introducing extra dead placement spaces.

18. A density map partition having a region A for computing a force update vector, the region A having a plurality of cell instances with a centering cell at an  $A(0, 0)$  location, comprising:

a first cell instance density at an  $A(0, 0)$  location having a rectangular grid unit; and

a plurality of rectangles  $A(m, n)$  cell instances coupled to the  $A(0, 0)$ , the plurality of rectangles  $A(m, n)$  cell instances contains multiple number of the rectangular grid unit wherein a farther away  $A(m, n)$  cell instance the large the multiple number of the rectangular grid unit.

19. The density map partition of Claim 18 wherein the  $A(m, n)$  cell instances comprises  $A(-1, 0)$ ,  $A(-1, 1)$ ,  $A(-1, -1)$ ,  $A(0, 1)$ ,  $A(0, -1)$ ,  $A(1, 0)$ ,  $A(1, 1)$ ,  $A(1, -1)$  cell instances wherein each having a same rectangular grid unit as  $A(0, 0)$ .

20. The density map partition of Claim 18 wherein the  $A(m, n)$  cell instances comprises  $A(-2, 0)$ ,  $A(-2, 1)$ ,  $A(-2, -1)$ ,  $A(2, 0)$ ,  $A(2, -1)$ ,  $A(2, 1)$ ,  $A(-1, -2)$ ,  $A(0, -2)$ ,  $A(-1, -2)$ ,  $A(-1, 2)$ ,  $A(0, -2)$ ,  $A(1, 2)$ , cell instances wherein each having twice the rectangular grid unit as  $A(0, 0)$ .

21. The density map partition of Claim 18 wherein the force update vector comprises computing attractive and repelling forces affecting the  $A(0, 0)$  cell instance.

22. A computerized method for generating non-uniform partitioning of cell instances in computing force update vector, comprising the steps of:

3 selecting a reference cell instance in a region A having a plurality of cell  
4 instances, the reference cell instance having a grid base unit; and  
5 computing a force update vector of the reference cell instance, each of the  
6 plurality of cell instances having either a same grid base unit or a multiple time of the  
7 grid base unit.

1 23. The method of Claim 22 further comprising the step of computing an  
2 attractive force from the reference cell instance in the plurality of cell instances.

1 24. The method of Claim 22 further comprising the step of computing a repulsive  
2 force from the reference cell instance in the plurality of cell instances.

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